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For President-Elect in 1888,
General John A. Logan
OF ILLINOIS.

WIDOWS AND MARYMERS both live in our neighboring Dighton. It looks like they ought to be able to strike a match.

LADIES AND INSTITUTES.

The ladies who were interested in the farmers' institute at this place last month will have no difficulty in recognizing, through the beautiful veil, that the article which appears elsewhere from the pen of Mrs. Kedzie, of the State Agricultural College, is meant for them.

The World congratulates them on being the possessors of so handsome a tribute from so grand a woman.

SIMPLE SPARKS.

Land Commissioner Sparks seems to imagine that the screws must be tightened around the throats of settlers in proportion to the rush of immigration into the West. There has not been a time for half a dozen years past when land out here has not been intrinsically as valuable as it is to-day, and Mr. Sparks ought to know this. If, however, his own acts did not negative each other, we might concede his consistency and honor of purpose. But look! Since the rush of immigration set in, he has discovered that land takers need watching. He has in many cases postponed, on merely alleged intention to investigate more closely, the issuing of patents to people who were justly entitled to them as he is to his commissioner-ship. This has been done under the guise of reform. On the other hand, he has retarded the development of the New West by ruling that Osage Orange can not be classed as a timber for timber-claim culture. It is, to put it mildly, the general opinion among the people of the West that this is one of the very best varieties of timber for the timber claim. It attains with fair speed a size suited to manufacturing purposes, and is one of the most valuable trees known to the American catalogue.

Mr. Kimberlin, of our neighboring town of Ellis, has sent to Mr. Beavers, of Wa-Keeney, a petition to be signed by our people, asking that Osage Orange be re-instated as a timber-claim tree. A similar petition at Ellis received one hundred and fifty signatures. There is no good reason why twice the number shall not be received here.

We all want the petition to prevail.

A MISERABLE TRAITOR.

Mr. Griffin's appeal for forbearance and charity, and his denunciation of third party men as given to the abuse of others, certainly seemed strange from the man who styled Mr. St. John the Judas Iscariot of the republican party. We hope he will. But he certainly will never have any respect from, or influence with, third-party men until he sees fit to retract for that atrocious slander as publicly as it was uttered.—(New York Witness.)

The Witness is one of the papers which is working for prohibition, regardless of the effect which the work may have on any party except on that which is branded Prohibition.

Hon. Alfred Griffin is one of the crowd, along with the writer, who thinks that prohibition is good, but that it is a poor thing on which to conduct, unaided and alone, the business of as heavy a government as this. Mr. Griffin wants to see the Republican party endorse prohibition in its national platform. He believes the Republican party to have been built up by the doing of noble deeds. Believing in this way, he would brand himself a contemptible hypocrite were he to endorse the action of St. John in deserting the Republican organization under the circumstances governing the desertion by that man. St. John deserted the party to spite those of the organization who defeated him for governor in 1882. These fellows were a minor element of the party. Would a patriot have deserted his party to spite this class when the desertion meant the loudest manifestation of disrespect for the big majority who had stood by him? The Witness is not published too far east to admit of its understanding this premise if it wants to. The answer, then, can be anticipated by anybody.

If, then, St. John is this quality of man, why should not Mr. Griffin brand him as the Judas Iscariot of the Republican party? We have often said that his desertion of the Republican party, coupled with his active work in behalf of the Democratic party, entitles him to be ranked as among the detestable men of the Benedict Arnold variety. Arnold deserted his government. St. John deserted his party. The party St. John deserted had been substantially the government for nearly a quarter of a century. And then this St. John, until he was defeated in Kansas in 1882, no man was more ardent in his praises of the grand old Republican party. His speech of acceptance of the gubernatorial nomination in 1882 was loaded

with reasons why the Republican party should be continued in state and national authority. The editor of the Witness, we are charitable enough to believe, knows that St. John would be a Republican of the howling sort if he had not been defeated for official station.

This is the estimate in which he is held by the general run of Kansans. In Trego county, which gave him a rousing majority for governor in 1882, he received four votes for president in 1884. The people had, for the best of reasons, analyzed the supposed patriot into a real traitor.

Wa-Keeney Farmers' Institute.

Special Correspondence Kansas Farmer.

Trego county, Kansas, was organized in July, 1873 with Wa-Keeney as the county seat. This beautiful city is situated in the north central part of the county, on a high elevation of slightly undulating prairie, commanding a prominent and picturesque view of the surrounding country for many miles distant.

Wa-Keeney is midway between Kansas City and Denver, at an elevation of 2,474 feet above the sea level, and contains a population of about 900 people, with a bright prospect of an increase amounting to twice that number before the year is drawn to a close. The Union Pacific railway, the leading trans-continental thoroughfare, passes through the city, and at this point they have as fine a depot as one can find anywhere in the boundless West. This depot is built of magnesian limestone, in elegant design, a credit to the company, an honor to the town, and a living advertisement of what can be done with Trego county material.

Magnesian limestone abounds in this portion of western Kansas, and as a building material is very superior to anything else and will be extensively used, owing to its being easy to quarry and dress, of a durable nature, and pretty in appearance when placed in any architectural work.

The streets of Wa-Keeney are at right angles with each other and 80 to 100 feet in width. Many elegant residence and business properties are found here, which denote thrift and prosperity.

School and church privileges are good, but not ample enough for the town. In order to keep abreast with the growth of the city, a commodious school edifice will be erected this season, at a cost of several thousand dollars. A number of new churches are under contemplation and will be built as soon as circumstances will warrant.

Wa-Keeney and the county are both made up of a decidedly intelligent, moral and sociable class of people, whom to know is to admire.

Trego is a thoroughly-watered, prairie country, with gently undulating lands, and soil of a dark sandy nature, very productive. Water in wells is procured at a depth of from 25 to 175 feet downward boring. I say downward because some people are under the impression that it is easier to get water in this country by boring heavenward. Trego county is out of debt and has funds in her treasury, which speaks well for the judicious management of the county governmental affairs. From the way immigration is pouring into western Kansas one might infer that business in all its branches would soon be overdone, but such don't seem to be the case. There is room for thousands more, and each have a home of his own, in a land where the gentle zephyrs can calmly waft the weary ones into a sweet repose, so delightfully refreshing to those not accustomed to rapid transit as manifested in this country, where people work just the same as they do anywhere else if they desire to make a fortune in a few years.

On Thursday and Friday, March 25 and 26, a Farmers' Institute was held in the city of Wa-Keeney. The session consisted of five meetings, all of which were highly interesting and instructive in every sense of the term. Attendance was large throughout and showed that even in western Kansas people believe in an inter-change of thoughts and ideas as well as anywhere else in this grand and glorious state.

This is the first successful farmers' institute ever held in western Kansas, and to the undoubted and indefatigable editor of the Wa-Keeney World, Hon. W. S. Tilton, is due the credit of working up and bringing to a happy culmination so important a matter as this was to the western portion of the state of Kansas.

Mr. H. Ewalt was chairman of the institute, and Horace J. Newberry, secretary.

The many themes treated upon were as follows, each of which manifested deep thought in preparation, and was listened unto with wrapt attention, as if everyone present was bent upon getting all there might be uttered and store same away for future study:

"Horticulture," by H. Ewalt; "Stock-Feeding for Pleasure and Profit," by Prof. E. M. Shelton, of the State Agricultural College; "Range Herding," by Ben C. Rich; "Horticulture," by T. J. Hinchman; "Floriculture," by Mrs. B. J. P. Hays; "Systematic Housekeeping," by Mrs. Nellie S. Kedzie, of the Agricultural College; "Home Training," by Mrs. J. Word Carson; "Sheep-Raising," by C. H. Gibbs; "Cultivation for Crops," by Ben C. Rich; "Timber Culture," by Prof. D. E. Lantz, of the State Agricultural College; "Hog-Raising," by I. L. McGarvie; "Poultry-Raising," by Miss Stickney; "Weeds and Fences," by Mrs. W. H. Fuson; "Cattle-Raising," by Prof. Shelton; "Relation of Birds to Agriculture," by Prof. Lantz; "Industrial Education," by Ben C. Rich.

More or less discussion followed each paper or address, which tended toward impressing in minds of all participants the valuable truths contained in each subject before the institute. Before close of institute a permanent organization was effected, as follows: For president, Captain J. M. Welch, of Wa-Keeney, Trego county. Vice presidents, I. L. McGarvie, of Ogallah, Trego

county; W. W. Walkey, of Mahan, Gove county; P. L. Wisdom, of Oakley, St. John county; S. L. Wilson, of Wallace, Wallace county. Secretary and treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Fuson, of Wa-Keeney.

The officers elected were duly constituted an executive committee, and at close of the last meeting appropriate resolutions were passed, after which the first decidedly brilliant Farmers' Institute of Trego county adjourned, subject to the call of the president.

HORACE.

Land Hunger.

Ag. College Industrialist, 3.

One of the sights at Wa-Keeney is the U. S. land office, which seems to be the center of healing for all the great multitude—which includes pretty much everybody in that country—suffering from the disease which is aptly named land hunger. Mr. Pilkenton, the receiver, informed us that anywhere from twelve thousand to twenty thousand acres of government land are disposed of daily at the Wa-Keeney office, and that all the public lands in the district will be disposed of within three or four months.

CONGRESSIONAL CHIPS.

HERON IN THE LEAD.

The indications are that Hon. David Heron, of Jewell county, has the lead for the nomination for congressman of this district.—(Ellis Headlight.)

NOT EQUIVALENT TO AN ELECTION.

Congressional matters are commencing to warm up. New men are allowing their friends to urge them into the race. Hanback's majority two years ago was not too overly large, and two years ago was presidential year too. The nomination is not equivalent to an election.

FAVORABLE NOTICES FROM ALL AROUND.

The favorable notices received by Jewell county's candidate for congress from the newspapers in every part of the district indicate both a friendly feeling for our country and a high regard for the man whose name is inscribed on our banner, and for whose nomination every republican in the county is earnestly working.—(Manitou Monitor, 7.)

HOW IT IS WITH HERON.

The contest for congressman in the Sixth district is one of the liveliest, if not the liveliest, ever known in the candidates against Mr. Hanback is Dave Heron, of Mankato, Jewell county, the business partner of Senator Case, and a gentleman who is well-known and thoroughly esteemed by all who know him. We learn that Mr. Heron's candidacy is extremely well received in certain localities and that he has active friends in all parts of the district. He intends to take the field in a few days and make a thorough personal canvass.—(Tulsa Commonwealth, 4.)

INSTITUTE IDEAS.

BOUND TO DO IT.

Wa-Keeney has a farmers' institute representing Trego and adjoining counties. The object of the institute is to do for the country what the county has done for the world. It is a grand success. The farmers' institute held last week at Wa-Keeney was a grand success and resulted in much knowledge being obtained by the attendance, of the proper methods to use on agriculture in western Kansas. Next spring the stock-raising and stock-raising, and if properly managed will result in great good to the people.—(Osborne Farmer, 1.)

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GIVES A VERY FULL ACCOUNT.

The Western World of Wa-Keeney, gives a very full account of the proceedings of the Farmers' Institute, held there last week. A number of excellent practical papers were read, and discussions held thereon, on the various subjects pertaining to farming, stock raising and fruit growing in this country. The work of the institute was materially aided by members of the faculty from the Agricultural College at Manhattan. We regret our inability to be present, but press of business made it impossible for us to attend.—(Wallace Register, 3.)

IT WAS VERY SATISFACTORY.

The Farmers' Institute, held at Wa-Keeney last week, was a thorough-going success from start to finish. Of course, we have held institutes before, but none so great numbers in attendance, and others where the discussions were more exhaustive, but taking these things and others into account, the Wa-Keeney meeting was very satisfactory. The land agents, merchants and professional men, equally with the farmers, took hold of the work with that combination of zeal and intelligence which always brings success. Not only were the people living in the immediate neighborhood of Wa-Keeney present in force, but even remote points in Gove and Graham counties were represented. The members of the Faculty who attended the meetings speak particularly of Col. Tilton, of the Wa-Keeney World, who all these weeks, with a full head of steam, has been writing and talking up the Institute to "everybody and his neighbor."

"Everybody and his neighbor," Mr. Ewalt, president of the Institute, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carson, Mrs. J. Word Carson, and Mrs. Ben C. Rich and Mrs. Fuson, are also members prominent among those who by their works showed their interest in the cause. We are confident that all came away from this institute feeling that good had been done.—(Ag. College Industrialist, 3.)

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